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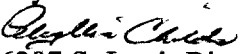
Dear Ms Henney,

Please support the CSPI petition to the FDA to *withdraw approvals for the use of medically important antibiotics to promote growth in animals.*

Diseases long controlled or cured by antibiotics are becoming more difficult to treat or cure. Diseases become untreatable when antibiotics are overused - by physicians, hospitals and livestock producers. We must preserve these priceless drugs. They must be used more judiciously, both by doctors and by animal agriculture. Scientists are convinced that drugs given to animals play a role in antibiotic resistance in human diseases. About one-third of the antibiotics manufactured in the USA each year are added to animal feed to fatten animals cheaply - even though there are other ways to produce safe meat at reasonable prices.

We should adopt the position of the World Health Organization which recommends a ban on the use of medically important antibiotics to promote animal growth. [Withdrawal of the drugs for growth promotion would still allow their use in sick animals.]

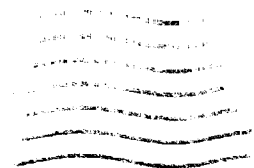
Thank you.

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